

March 5, 1984

LB 970

Lincoln even to out where I live. It is not something you can commute to do. You have to stay here or stay there. The thing that happened in Kearney, I think, and is waiting to happen again is that we have a large number of people...I won't even call them students because they have been and had part of their education, they have been through the system and now they want to better themselves. And it just seems to me that if the demand is there, we ought to at least try to serve it. The program that we had at Kearney was a success. I don't think you could find anybody that says it wasn't. You talk about the quality of the program, I don't know how those programs are graded and whether there was a certified program or whether they were the topnotch program in the country, I doubt that very much, but I think it was a good program and it certainly had a lot of people involved and those people that are now out in business doing the job that we expect them to do and paying the taxes are the people that we helped through that program. So to me it just seems natural that we made a big mistake here a couple of years ago when we denied Kearney State College from continuing with their MBA program because since then, in my estimation, it has been a complete flop. And the coordination that we have had with the University may have broken down but I don't believe that is the only problem. I think the distance is the biggest problem and the fact that the students are not just out of high school, they are out in business and they would very much like to better themselves and I am sure are willing to pay their share of the cost. So with that, I just hope that you will vote to move this LB 970 out and not kill it. Let's look at this thing in the perspective of those of us that don't live in Lincoln or Omaha. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers is next and then Senator Lamb, but may I please introduce some guests of Senator Kahle in the north balcony. We have twenty Seniors from the Wilcox High School at Wilcox, Nebraska, and their teacher is Ken Meyers. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I share some of Senator Kahle's concern in opposing Senator Warner on this